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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW TO VISIT PRC

REF: SINGAPORE 1606

1. PRIME MINISTER LEE'S PLANNED TWO-WEEK GOODWILL MISSION TO CHINA BEGINNING MAY 10 WAS ANNOUNCED BY SINGAPORE PRESS, APRIL 11. GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ISSUED TO PRESS SAID LEE WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH CHINESE LEADERS ON INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND BILATERAL MATTERS, AND THAT INVITATION FOR VISIT WAS EXTENDED DURING FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM'S VISIT TO PEKING IN MARCH 1975.

2. GOS STATEMENT INDICATED LEE'S PARTY WOULD INCLUDE RAJARATNAM,
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MINISTER OF FINANCE HON SUI SEN, SENIOR MINISTER OF STATE FOR

FOREIGN AFFAIRS K.C. LEE, AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AHMAD MATTAR.

3. EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED STRAITS TIMES, APRIL 12, NOTED THAT LEE'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRC INVITATION WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO RENEWED SPECULATION OVER TIMING OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGAPORE-PEKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HOWEVER, SUCH A MOVE DEPENDS ON INDONESIA, EDITORIAL POINTED OUT, SINCE SINGAPORE IS ON RECORD THAT IT WILL BE LAST ASEAN MEMBER TO FORMALIZE TIES (ON APRIL 10, STRAITS TIMES GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO DENIAL BY INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY OFFICIAL ANTARA NEWS AGENCY, AND GIVEN RATHER SENSATIONAL PRESS PLAY PREVIOUS DAY, TO EFFECT THAT INDONESIA DESIRED IMMEDIATE NORMALIZATION OF JAKARTA-PEKING TIES). EDITORIAL NEVERTHELESS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME "FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THIS AREA" COULD BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. WHILE STRAITS TIMES DID NOT SEE PM'S VISIT RESULTING IN THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC TIES, IT OBSERVED THAT "IT IS CLEARLY A MAJOR STEP IN THAT DIRECTION."

4. IN CONCLUDING, EDITIRIAL STATED THAT SINGAPORE ALREADY ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE IN MANY SPHERES AND THAT THE PRC RESPECTS SINGAPORE'S INDEPENDENCE AND ITS REASONS FOR DELAYING DIPLOMATIC TIES. EDITORIAL VIEWED TRIP AS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR LEE TO INFORM HIMSELF ON PRC DEVELOPMENTS AND OPINED THAT IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PM LEE HAS UNDERTAKEN AND THAT IT WILL ATTRACT WORLDWIDE INTEREST.

5. ACCORDING APRIL 12 STRAITS TIMES REPORT FROM KUALA KANGSAR, MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN WELCOMED LEE'S VISIT TO CHINA, CALLING IT A GOOD SIGN THAT AUGERED WELL FOR ASEAN. IN LATTER CONNECTION, RITHAUDDEEN REPORTEDLY ASSERTED THAT SINCE ASEAN SUMMIT, IT WAS CATEGORICALLY CLEAR TO ALL NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE INDOCHINA STATES, THAT ASEAN'S INTENTIONS WERE SINCERE. HOLDRIDGE

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